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Memorandum for: The Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: Request for Permission to Testify Before
                a Congressional Committee.

1. On 2 March I received a call from Mr. McManus, of the
staff of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, to request that we

STAT make [   ] available for discussions with the Sub-
committee staff and possible testimony before the Subcommittee. The
Subcommittee is investigating allegations of wartime destruction of
G-2 and ONI files on the Communist Party and its members.

STAT 2. During 1944 [   ] was an aide to Cordell Hull, then
Secretary of State, including liaison with the Department's Security
Office. In the course of those duties he was informed by [   ]   **STAT**

STAT [   ] then on the State Department Security staff, that the latter had
been informed "within the hour" that an order had been signed in the
Department of the Army directing the destruction of these files. Mr.

STAT [   ] brought this matter to the immediate attention of the Secretary
of State, who discussed it with General John Hull, then Assistant Chief
of Staff, Operations Division.

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3. [   ] requires that
no CIA employee give testimony before a Committee of Congress with-
out prior written authorization from the Director. [   ] is an
inspector in the Inspection Division of the CIA Security Office, and Mr.   **STAT**

STAT [   ] the Deputy Security Officer, informed me that they have
STAT no objection to [   ] complying with the Subcommittee request
STAT to appear. Mr. [   ] has been cautioned not to discuss any phase
of his current assignment with the Subcommittee, and, in view of the fact
that his duties include overseas assignments, I will request the Subcom-
mittee not to include in its public record any mention of [   ]
affiliation with CIA.   **STAT**

4. It is recommended that you authorize [   ] appearance   **STAT**
in compliance with the Internal Security Subcommittee's request.

                                              /s/
CONCUR: 3 March 1954   Walter L. Pforzheimer
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Allen W. Dulles
   Director